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1. Two very speedy aircraft were first observed over YAROSLAVL (39°52'E/57°37'N) in April 1948. They were faster than conventional fighter aircraft, and the noise of their engines differed from that of other planes. [redacted] former air force soldiers, identified the aircraft as turbo-jet fighters.

2. a. These jet-propelled aircraft (low-wing monoplanes) have been seen more often since the fall of 1948, but not more than two planes were in the air at the same time. The aircraft had no engines suspended from the wings. "Two tubes of a rather large diameter" and tapering toward the fore "projected from the half round front section of the fuselage." The wings were set in the middle of the fuselage. A slight, grayish-white smoke plume emanated from the rump of the fuselage.

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b. [redacted] this aircraft type until mid-June 1949, when he was [redacted] on presentation of an aircraft chart, [redacted] that the observed aircraft type most resembled the "DFS 346" by which it was equaled in shape of both fuselage and wings.

3. There was intensive flying over YAROSLAVL. Most aircraft were single-engine fighters which daily practiced sharp-shooting at sleeve targets.

Comment: These statements confirm and supplement previous reports on YAROSLAVL. The essential features of the above described jet fighter type agree with the description made in a previous report, according to which this type was allegedly observed for the first time in April 1948.* The tubes projecting from the fuselage are believed to be aircraft cannon. The observed aircraft presumably is identical to a type aircraft which was produced in the TBILISI Aircraft Plant No. 31.**

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